

The actual review of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement will entail an internal assessment of the International Joint Commission's recommendations as well as bilateral discussions with the United States on our respective performances under the terms of the Agreement. Consultations will begin among interested departments of the federal government. Consultations will also be conducted with provincial authorities and the public, and in due course with the Government of the United States.

The Government of Canada is sensitive to the concerns of all Canadians affected by the pollution of the Great Lakes. It is our intention to carry out the review taking into account the views of interested individuals and groups, in particular those expressed in the 1985 report of the Royal Society of Canada/U.S. National Research Council of the U.S. and the 1987 report of Great Lakes United. We plan, as well, to issue an interim response to the IJC once we have had an opportunity to examine in detail the Third Biennial Report."